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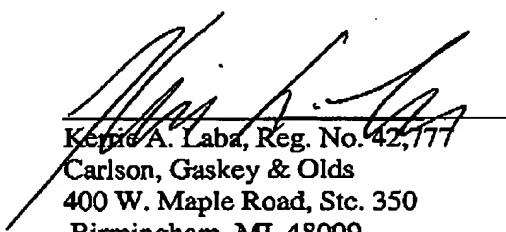
Claims 1-7, 19-20, 24-31, and 34-37 remain in the application including independent claims 1, 19, 25, and 31. Claims 8-18, 21-23, 32-33, and 38 have been cancelled.

In the decision of October 15, 2004, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences reversed the rejections of claims 21, 25-27, 29-30, and 38. Claims 19-20 and 28 were indicated as allowable prior to the board decision.

Claim 21 has been incorporated into claim 1, claim 25 has been rewritten in independent form, and claim 38 with the associated intervening dependent claims has been incorporated into claim 31. Thus, applicant asserts that claims 1-7, 19-20, 24-31, and 34-37 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests an indication of such.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 for the fee for one additional independent claim in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds. Applicant believes that no additional fees are required, however, any additional fees or credits may be charged or applied to Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds.

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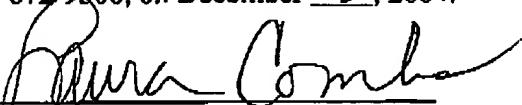
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